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you have no obligation. If you're state government and the pool goes down, you have no obligation. Who does? The members of the pool and then the individual member against whom the lawsuit is brought. With respects to a public entity that might be involved in the pool, it doesn't have a taxing authority, might be the university, then it would come back to the state government. Let me tell you about how things stand right now. We don't have insurance. We don't have insurance right now on our Med Center. Contemplate that idea. Put out our commercial insurance for bid, came back, says we'll do it exactly the same price we did last year, do it exactly the same levels and the same premiums, we just won't include that campus. Think of the kinds of work they do and the opportunity for liability and the fact that we don't have anything standing between us and that except the care of our doctors and our faculty. And I don't want to defend the present system that puts us in that position. I want an opportunity to put in there a form of self-insurance with reinsurance treaties and pooling. So, just want to make sure if some local set of political subdivisions went down, we are not on line. If one of our entities is part of a pool, we are, as we always were, as we are if their insurance company goes down, and right now we ought to run out and get some insurance. I will withdraw the motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 398 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law having been complied with relative to procedure, the question is, shall LB 398 with the emergency clause attached become law? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1848-49 of the Legislative Journal.) 35 ayes, 5 nays, 1 present and not voting, 8 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 398E passes. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign engrossed LB 398. Anything for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have an explanation of vote from Senator Wehrbein. A new resolution, Mr. President, LR 97 offered by Senator Pirsch asking the Legislature to acknowledge of plight of crime victims and declaring the week of April 26 to